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SUBJECT: MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR FIELD MARSHAL SURENDRA BAHADUR
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REF: KATHMANDU 0209

1. FURTHER TO EARLIER REPORTS ON MEDICAL CONDITION OF FIELD MARSHAL SENT REFTTEL, EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY FOREIGN OFFICE THAT FIELD MARSHAL NOW HAD DIFFICULTY IN SWALLOWING AND IS RECEIVING INTRAVENOUS DEXTROSE AND SALINE TWO LITRES DAILY WITH VITAMINS. FEELS EXHAUSTED. PAIN IN BACK RELIEVED BY LEANING FORWARD. ON METAMIZOLE 500MGM TWICE DAILY. LIVER HAS ENLARGED TO LEVEL OF UMBILICUS. BLOOD PRESSURE 120 BY 84. TEMPERATURE 99 TO 100 FAHRENHEIT.

2. FOREIGN OFFICE HAS GIVEN US WRITTEN STATEMENT THAT BEFORE UNDERTAKING JOURNEY TO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, FIELD MARSHAL AND FAMILY WOULD LIKE INDICATION OF PROBABLE LINES OF TREATMENT AND EXTENT OF PALLIATION AS WELL OF RISKS INVOLVED BECAUSE IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR HIM TO RETURN TO KATHMANDU FOLLOWING TREATMENT.

3. COMMENT: FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS WHO HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY IN TOUCH WITH FIELD MARSHAL'S FAMILY, IT IS APPARENT THAT FAMILY DOES NOT WISH TO UNDERTAKE EXPENSIVE AND DIFFICULT JOURNEY IF SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN FIELD MARSHAL'S CONDITION UNLIKELY OR IF THERE IS REASONABLE PROSPECT HE WOULD DIE WHILE UNDERGOING TREATMENT.

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